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SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT AND EXTENSION REQUEST – REVIEW OF ALLEGED
DECEASED VOTER FRAUD AND FOLLOW-UP REVIEW OF DUPLICATE
VOTER REGISTRATION (Board Agenda Item 27-E, May 24, 2016)**

On May 24, 2016, your Board instructed the Auditor-Controller (A-C) to review a media allegation that 250 deceased persons voted in Los Angeles County, and to work with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC or Department) to report back on protocols and statistics related to death notifications and voter file maintenance. Your Board also requested that the A-C follow-up on the status of ten recommendations from our February 6, 2015 RR/CC Alleged Duplicate Registered Voter Records report.

Your Board specified that the A-C, upon receipt of details on specific cases of voter fraud from CBS News/KCAL, conduct a review of the allegations. We made multiple requests, but CBS News/KCAL declined to provide details of the alleged 250 deceased voters. Therefore, we are unable to proceed with this part of the Board motion.

We are in the process of reviewing RR/CC's protocols related to death notifications, and the Department's responses to each of the ten recommendations from our prior report. In conjunction with our follow-up of prior recommendations, we will evaluate the effectiveness of RR/CC's corrective action and provide additional recommendations, if needed. We anticipate issuing our response to your Board by August 8, 2016.

If you have any questions please contact me, or your staff may contact Robert Smythe at (213) 253-0101.

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